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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Murakawa et al.)

Serial No.: 07/402,450)

) Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel

Filed: September 1, 1989)

) Group Art Unit: 1631

For: METHOD FOR AMPLIFICATION)

AND DETECTION OF RNA)

SEQUENCES)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000 (Paper No. 40), please amend
the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amendments to claims 34-37, 42, and 44-49:

34. (Once amended.) An amplification reaction mixture for the quantitation of a
target [nucleic acid] RNA segment in a biological sample, said reaction mixture comprising:
said target [nucleic acid] RNA;

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